

## St. Joseph's Parish

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St Joseph, Pray for Us

**Weekday Masses:** Monday - Saturday: 9:00am  
**Sunday Masses:** **Saturday** (anticipated): 5:00pm  
**Sunday Masses:** 9:00am & 11:00am  
**Confessions:** Saturday: 9:30 to 10:00am; 4:15 to 4:45pm

### September 3rd , 2023 22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

#### Stewardship Reflection

*"For what will it profit anyone to gain the whole world but forfeit their Life?" (Matthew 16:26)*

St. Francis of Assisi said, "Remember, you are what you are in the eyes of God, and nothing else." We often forget this stewardship wisdom when we spend all of our time, talent and treasure to gain more of the world's riches. We need to set our priorities based on God's values and not the values of the material world.

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#### Mass Intentions:

Mon. Sept. 4	Paul Rolheiser +
Tues. Sept. 5	Tony Bettencourt +
Wed. Sept. 6	Livera Family thanksgiving
Thurs. Sept. 7	Vitaliano Marchet +
Fri. Sept. 8	Tony Mannella +
Sat. Sept. 9	Jacinto Narciso +

#### SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 3RD, 2023 23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME:

Sat. Sept. 2	5:00pm	Pastor's Intention
Sun. Sept. 3	9:00am	Parishioners
Sun. Sept. 3	11:00am	Archbishop Miller

**Please Pray for our Parishioners who have Health Challenges:** Margaret Boe, Bob Curley, Kathleen Ethier, Eugene Filiatraut, Jean Hellier, Paola Giacometti, Dustin Hiles, Ken Hodge, Lilia Huff, Mabsie Merz, James Noble, Patricia Peters, Eileen Roberts, Daniel Straker, Cheri Turcott, and Zachary Restiaux.

#### Lectors 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

<b>Date:</b>		
Sept. 9	5:00pm	Nicole Martires
Sept. 10	9:00am	Hannah Traub, Trevor Traub
Sept. 10	11:00am	Bridget Winterhoff, Shaeleen Lochbaum

Come join us to **Praise & Worship Jesus in the Tabernacle** with an hour of songs on **Sunday, September 17th, from 2pm to 3pm** in the church sanctuary.

**Liturgy of the Word for Children at the 9am Mass** will resume on Sunday, September 17th, 2023.

**Parish Religious Education Program (PREP):** Classes will be on Tuesday evenings from 6pm to 7:15pm and will start on September 19th. Registration forms can be found on the table in the foyer near the church entrance or you can go to our website <https://stjosephmission.ca/> and download the form. You can e-mail the completed form to the new PREP e-mail: [prep.stjoseph.parish@gmail.com](mailto:prep.stjoseph.parish@gmail.com)

**Mercy from Age to Age: An Online Series Exploring Pope Francis' Catechesis on Old Age:** Join us online for 1-hour sessions exploring Pope Francis' beautiful, timely, and stirring catechesis series on old age **beginning Monday, Sept. 11th at 8pm ET, 5pm PT.** Pope Francis chose to dedicate an entire set of his Wednesday audiences to a "catechetical journey that seeks inspiration in the Word of God on the meaning and value of old age." We will explore highlights of the Pope's teaching on old age, why it matters, and what we stand to gain from it personally and practically. To sign up or for a list of all topics go to [AgeToAgeSeries.ca](http://AgeToAgeSeries.ca)

**To Live of Love Silent Retreat with St. Thérèse of Lisieux** Facilitator Angelina Muñiz. **Friday, Sept. 8, 6pm to Sun. Sept. 10, 3pm. Westminster Abbey, Mission.** Donation: \$215 includes retreat, accommodations, meals and the book for the retreat "To Live of Love." To learn more and register, e-mail: [angelina@vidahumanaedu.org](mailto:angelina@vidahumanaedu.org) **Registration Deadline: Tuesday, September 5.**

You are invited to explore Gardens of Gethsemani, our **Archdiocesan Cemetery** at the **OPEN HOUSE** on **Friday, Sept. 15, 11am-6pm** or **Saturday, Sept. 16, 10am-4pm.** Any questions, contact [advisor@rrcav.org](mailto:advisor@rrcav.org) or call the office during business hours 604.531.2141.

**The Permanent Diaconate: Three Inspiring Sessions:** Would you like to discern whether you may have a vocation to the Permanent Diaconate? Join an information and formation program once a month on Saturdays, 1pm-3pm at John Paul II Pastoral Centre in Vancouver: •September 16 •October 14 •November 18. All men interested and their wives are welcome! **Registration is required and accepted until Monday, September 11: [deacons@rcav.org](mailto:deacons@rcav.org)**

**Worldwide Marriage Encounter** is offering a week-end marriage retreat this fall, **October 27th - 29th, 2023**. Rekindle the romance, remind yourselves why you fell in love and learn how to make a good marriage even better! For more info and to register visit: <https://beholdvancouver.org/events/couple-retreat-by-worldwide-marriage-encounter>  
**Early bird special before September 5.**  
**Registration closes October 17, 2023.**

**Making Sense of Anxiety in Children and Youth:**

The escalating level of anxiety in our children begs for an explanation as well as a solution, Dr. Gordon Neufeld sheds light on this age-old problem, paving the way for natural interventions that can actually get to the root causes as opposed to just managing symptoms. Although the focus is on children, this enlightening material will benefit anyone suffering from anxiety.

Dr. Neufeld's revolutionary yet science-specific approach turns parenting right-side-up, restoring natural intuition to parenting and putting parents back in the driver's seat. This video course takes the best that science has to offer and renders it readily accessible to parents of children of all ages.

**Every Thursday, starting September 21 until October 19, from 7:30pm to 9:00pm via Zoom.** Cost is \$25. Learn more and register at [beholdvancouver.org/events](https://beholdvancouver.org/events)

**The Men's Retreat 2023: Yeshua**

Are you yearning to know the real Jesus? *The Men's Retreat: Yeshua* delves deep into the heart of Christ. Join Jake Khym and Peter White for transformative talks, the Holy Mass, and space of adventure in the outdoors of Rockridge Canyon. Rediscover. Reconnect. Recommit.

From **Friday, September 29 to Sunday, October 1**, at **Rockridge Canyon in Princeton, BC**. Cost is \$275+ which includes the retreat experience, accommodations, activities and food. Bursaries available. Learn more and register at [liferestoration.ca/mensretreat](https://liferestoration.ca/mensretreat)

**The Early Christian Tradition and the Active Imagination:**

Discover the hidden depths of Christian tradition in this engaging online seminar! Join Fr. Scott Lewis, a member of the Society of Jesus and Dean Emeritus of Regis College, as he delves into the early Christian apocrypha, exploring lost gospels, letters, and prophecies. Ignatian Spirituality encourages active imagination in the pursuit of knowledge and spirituality. Come and dive into:

- **Early Lives of Mary and Jesus**  
Thursday, September 7, at 4pm.
- **Three Gospels: Thomas, Mary, and Peter**  
Thursday, September 14, at 4pm.
- **'Acts' of the Various Apostles**  
Thursday, September 21, at 4pm.

All sessions will be held via Zoom. A recording will be available for registrants. Learn more and register at [beholdvancouver.org/events](https://beholdvancouver.org/events)

*A letter from Archbishop Miller:*

September 3, 2023

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I write to you today to invite you to join me in contributing generously to the September 10th special collection for Healing and Reconciliation. This collection helps to fulfill the commitment our local Church has made to seek a new path with our Indigenous brothers and sisters.

The funds raised provide grants for local projects developed and administered by Indigenous peoples. This initiative brings healing and reconciliation to communities and families, promotes culture and language revitalization, provides opportunities for education and community building, and facilitates dialogue.

The Archdiocese of Vancouver has committed \$2.5 million to the Indigenous Reconciliation Fund (IRF), a Canada-wide Catholic initiative, over a five-year period that began in 2021. In 2022, we formed a grant committee to review project applications from local First Nations and Indigenous groups before recommending them to the IRF. To date, your donations have sponsored eight projects, with many more to come.

Your support this year will allow us to continue sowing seeds of understanding and hope, thereby creating a future where reconciliation flourishes and the wounds of the past are gently healed. On September 10, please give generously to the Healing and Reconciliation collection and be part of this transformative journey.

With the assurance of my prayers for you and your families, I remain

Sincerely in Christ,

✠J. Michael Miller, CSB  
Archbishop of Vancouver